

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Stephen D. Pacetti et al.	Examiner: Erma C. Cameron
Appl. No. 10/658,348	Art Unit: 1762
Filed: September 8, 2003	Confirmation Number: 4082
Customer number: 45159	
Title: A Method Of Forming A Diffusion Barrier Layer For Implantable Devices	

Mail Stop **Amendment**
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on June 13, 2007 which has a shortened statutory time to reply that ends on September 13, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including Exhibit A, and Exhibit B, a Statement of Common Ownership, is attached following page 16 of this paper.